



Using Chronicling America Podcast Series Transcript

NDNP Podcast 6: How Do I Perform an Advanced Search?

Background

In collaboration with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress, the National Digital Newspaper Program in Ohio developed and produced a series of video podcasts that will help teach you how to access the rich content available on the historical newspaper database Chronicling America (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>).

About NDNP Podcast 6: How Do I Perform an Advanced Search?

Description	The Advanced Search feature allows you to get even more out of this resource by eliminating irrelevant results. See how you can limit your results to newspaper pages from the states, titles and dates of your choosing and learn when to use which search boxes ("any", "all", "phrase", "proximity").
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0:04	In this podcast, we're going to look at the advanced search feature. Chronicling America offers an advanced search feature that allows for more precise searching. Let's look at some of the options the advanced search feature offers.
0:16	From the homepage of Chronicling America, select the Advanced Search tab located next to the blue Search Pages tab.
0:24	As you can see, you can limit your search results to include only State(s) that you select.
0:29	Or you can choose to include All states by selecting the all states option at the top of the list.
0:36	You can select multiple states by pressing the control key while clicking on the states of your choosing.
0:41	The same goes for Newspaper(s) title. You can select to search all newspaper titles, one newspaper title, or multiple newspaper titles by using the control key on your keyboard. You can also limit your search to specific Years or a specific Date Range . The years currently available are listed above the Year(s) search boxes. If you would like, you can also limit your search to include only front pages or specific page numbers.



1:08	Finally, all of the text boxes below allow you to search for your terms in different ways. You can enter search terms into text boxes and choose to search for any of the words , search for all of the words , search for a phrase , or there is an option to do a proximity search , in which you will search for your words within 5, 10, 50 or 100 words of one another.
1:28	For example, if you do an any word search for the words <i>Chicago</i> and <i>baseball</i> , your results will contain all pages that include the word <i>Chicago</i> and all pages that include the word <i>baseball</i> .
1:38	If your goal is to find pages that refer to <i>baseball</i> and <i>Chicago</i> , then it would benefit you to do an all word search for the words <i>Chicago</i> and <i>baseball</i> . The results for this search would only contain pages that have both of the words on the same page.
1:51	Let's do a couple of sample searches. First, let's search for <i>Franz Ferdinand</i> and let's type his name into the phrase search box because we want to find newspapers that list the two words side-by-side and in the same order we typed them.
2:05	Library of Congress suggests that when phrase searching to put quotation marks around the phrase and to enter the words in the order they most likely occur. Matching an exact phrase is especially useful when searching for a place name or a particular expression.
2:20	As you can see, just as with a basic search, the search terms appear highlighted in pink on the image.
2:25	Now let's do a more specific search. Let's say you wanted to find if there was a marriage announcement published for Rosetta Carmichael. You know she was from Ohio and you know she was married between the years 1890 and 1900.
2:38	So, let's start by limiting the search to only papers from Ohio and limiting the date range to 1890 to 1900. Let's type the words <i>marriage</i> , <i>Carmichael</i> and <i>Rosetta</i> into the all words search box. This will search for pages that have all these three words on the same page.
2:56	We have only one result found and the image contains the information we wanted to find.
3:01	To get the most out of this resource, Library of Congress suggests that when searching Chronicling America to use limiters such as state and date and to use many words to characterize the topic you are searching. If you find you have too many results, try using more specific search terms and if you find you have too few results, try using alternate search terms and broader subjects.
3:19	Check out our other podcasts for more information about Chronicling America.